



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
CINCINNATI PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION

MEMO TO FILE

Solicitation: SOL-CI-13-0047

Contract: EP-C-15-006

Subject: Competition – Only one proposal received

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is committed to utilizing the maximum extent of competition available in its acquisitions. This procurement was solicited as "full and open competition." Only one proposal was received by the closing date, and no late offers were received.

The program office provided a "Memo on Competition" pointing to the scope and technical complexity as the main reasons for the limited response received to the RFP. The topic areas to be covered under the contract requires significant organizational resources, experienced high-level technical and managerial personnel, a robust and experienced testing staff, and state-of-the-art testing resources such as labs, engines, and temperature-controlled facilities. As noted by the program office, few commercial entities without organizational conflict of interest issues related to the PWS have these kinds of resources.

In addition, this level of response, while unusual, is not unique as at least one of the expired predecessor contracts to this solicitation had a similar level of response.



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